

handful[ˈhændfʊl] *n*

- горсть, пригоршня
a handful of nuts - пригоршня орехов
to give away smth. by the handful /in handfuls/ - раздавать что-л. (цельми) горстями /пригоршнями/
to throw away handfuls of money - швырять деньги направо и налево, сорить деньгами
- горсть, горстка, горсточка; небольшое количество
a handful of soldiers was left - осталась горстка солдат
- разг.* кто-л. или что-л. доставляющее много хлопот, «наказание», «беда»
that child is (quite) a handful! - этот ребёнок - истинное наказание!

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

hand·ful [handful handfuls] *BrE* [ˈhændfʊl] ^m *NAmE* [ˈhændfʊl] ^m **noun**

- countable** ~ (of sth) the amount of sth that can be held in one hand
 - a handful of rice
 - She scooped up handfuls of loose earth.
- singular** ~ (of sb/sth) a small number of people or things
 - Only a handful of people came.
 - They cannot hope to win more than a handful of seats at the next election.
- a** ~ **singular** (informal) a person or an animal that is difficult to control
 - Her children can be a real handful.

Example Bank:

- He has a good handful of letters after his name.
- Only a handful of people know the true situation.
- She bent and pulled up a double handful of weeds.
- She grabbed handfuls of the dirty snow.
- She has a good handful of Hollywood roles under her belt.
- We have received only a small handful of letters on this subject.

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hand·ful /ˈhændfʊl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun**[Word Family: **noun**: ↑hand, ↑handful; **adjective**: ↑underhand, ↑handy; **verb**: ↑hand; **adverb**: ↑handily]

- [countable] an amount that you can hold in your hand
handful of
" The boy picked up a handful of stones and started throwing them at us.
- a handful of something** a very small number of people or things:
" There were only a handful of people there.
- be a handful** *informal* someone, especially a child, who is a handful is difficult to control:
" She's a lovely child, but she can be a bit of a handful sometimes.

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